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- (b) The NPPO must inspect and regularly monitor greenhouses for plant pests. The NPPO must inspect greenhouses and plants, including fruit, at intervals of no more than 2 weeks, from the time of fruit set until the end of harvest
- (c) The NPPO must set and maintain McPhail traps (or a similar type with a protein bait that has been approved for the pests of concern) in greenhouses from October 1 to April 30. The number of traps must be set as follows: Two traps for greenhouses smaller than 0.2 hectare in size; three traps for greenhouses 0.2 to 0.5 hectare; four traps for greenhouses over 0.5 hectare and up to 1.0 hectare; and for greenhouses greater than 1 hectare, traps must be placed at a rate of four traps per hectare.
- (d) The NPPO must check all traps once every 2 weeks. If a single pumpkin fruit fly is captured, that greenhouse will lose its registration until trapping shows that the infestation has been eradicated.
- (e) The fruit may be shipped only from December 1 through April 30.
- (f) Each shipment must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by NPPO, with the following additional declaration: "The regulated articles in this shipment were grown in registered greenhouses as specified by 7 CFR 319.56–2aa."
- (g) Each shipment must be protected from pest infestation from harvest until export. Newly harvested fruit must be covered with insect-proof mesh or a plastic tarpaulin while moving to the packinghouse and awaiting packing. Fruit must be packed within 24 hours of harvesting, in an enclosed container or vehicle or in insect-proof cartons or cartons covered with insect-proof mesh or plastic tarpaulin, and then placed in containers for shipment. These safeguards must be intact when the shipment arrives at the port in the United States.

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§ 319.56-2bb Administrative instructions governing movement of Hass avocados from Mexico to Alaska.

Hass avocados may be imported from Mexico into the United States for distribution in Alaska only under a permit issued in accordance with §319.56-3, and only under the following conditions:

(a) Commercial shipments. The avocados may be imported in commercial

shipments only.

- (b) Safeguards in Mexico. The avocados must have been grown in the Mexican State of Michoacan by a participant in the avocado export program administered by Sanidad Vegetal. Upon request, Sanidad Vegetal will provide APHIS with a list of all participants. Under the supervision of Sanidad Vegetal personnel:
- (1) The avocados must have been inspected during growing, harvesting, and packing and must have been found free from seed weevils and other pests;
- (2) The avocados must have been sealed in boxes after inspection at the packing house with a seal that will be broken when the box is opened; and
- (3) The avocados must be packed in an enclosed container or vehicle or under a tarpaulin cover while in transit through Mexico to prevent exposure of the fruit to fruit flies.
- (c) Certification. All shipments of avocados must be accompanied by a document issued by Sanidad Vegetal certifying that the conditions specified in paragraph (b) of this section have been met.
- (d) Marking requirements. The boxes of avocados must be clearly marked with the statement "Distribution limited to the State of Alaska."
- (e) Ports. The avocados may enter the United States only at the following ports: Galveston or Houston, Texas; the border ports at Nogales, Arizona; Brownsville, Eagle Pass, El Paso, Hidalgo, or Laredo, Texas; any port in Alaska; or other ports within that area of the United States specified in paragraph (f) of this section.
- (f) Shipping areas. Except as explained below for avocados that enter the United States at Nogales, Arizona, avocados moved by truck or rail car may transit only that area of the United States bounded on the west and south by a line extending from El Paso, Texas, to Salt Lake City, Utah, to Portland, Oregon, and due west from Portland; and on the east and south by a line extending from Brownsville,

Texas, to Galveston, Texas, to Kinder, Louisiana, to Memphis, Tennessee, to Louisville, Kentucky, and due east from Louisville. All cities on these boundary lines are included in this area. If the avocados are moved by air, the aircraft may not land outside this area. Avocados that enter the United States at Nogales, Arizona, must be moved to El Paso, Texas, by the route specified on the permit, and then must remain within the shipping area described above.

(g) Shipping requirements. The avocados must be moved through the United States either by air or in a refrigerated truck or refrigerated rail car or in refrigerated containers on a truck or rail car. If the avocados are moved in refrigerated containers on a truck or rail car, an inspector must seal the containers with a serially numbered seal at the port of first arrival in the United States. If the avocados are moved in a refrigerated truck or a refrigerated rail car, an inspector must seal the truck or rail car with a serially numbered seal at the port of first arrival in the United States. If the avocados are transferred to another vehicle or container in the United States, an inspector must be present to supervise the transfer and must apply a new serially numbered seal. The avocados must be moved through the United States under Customs bond.

(h) *Inspection*. The avocados are subject to inspection by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service at the U.S./Mexico border, at any stops in the United States en route to Alaska, and at the port of arrival in Alaska.

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§ 319.56-2cc Administrative instructions governing the entry of Fuji variety apples from Japan and the Republic of Korea.

Fuji variety apples may be imported into the United States from Japan and the Republic of Korea only under the following conditions:

(a) *Treatment and fumigation.* The apples must be cold treated and then fumigated, under the supervision of an

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) inspector, either in Japan or the Republic of Korea, for the peach fruit moth (*Carposina niponensis*), the yellow peach moth (*Conogethes punctiferalis*), the fruit tree spider mite (*Tetranychus viennensis*), and the kanzawa mite (*T. kanzawai*), in accordance with the Plant Protection and Quarantine Treatment Manual, which is incorporated by reference at § 300.1 of this chapter.

(b) APHIS inspection. The apples must be inspected upon completion of the treatments required by paragraph (a) of this section, prior to export from Japan or the Republic of Korea, by an APHIS inspector and an inspector from the national plant protection agency of Japan or the Republic of Korea. The apples shall be subject to further disinfection in the exporting country if plant pests are found prior to export. Imported Fuji variety apples inspected in Japan or the Republic of Korea are also subject to inspection and disinfection at the port of first arrival, as provided in §319.56-6.

(c) Trust fund agreements. The national plant protection agency of the exporting country must enter into a trust fund agreement with APHIS before APHIS will provide the services necessary for Fuji variety apples to be imported into the United States from Japan or the Republic of Korea. The agreement requires the national plant protection agency to pay in advance of each shipping season all costs that APHIS estimates it will incur in providing services in Japan or the Republic of Korea during that shipping season. These costs include administrative expenses and all salaries (including overtime and the Federal share of employee benefits), travel expenses (including per diem expenses), and other incidental expenses incurred by APHIS performing these services. agreement requires the national plant protection agency to deposit a certified or cashiers check with APHIS for the amount of these costs, as estimated by APHIS. If the deposit is not sufficient to meet all costs incurred by APHIS,